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TWO BOMB EXPLOSIONS ROCKED THE HEADQUARTERS OF ZAPU, THE ZIMBABWE
AFRICAN PEOPLE S ORGANIZATION, OF RHODESIA NATIONALIST LEADER,
JOSHUA NKOMO, CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BUT INJURING NO ONE.

THE EXPLOSIONS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN QUICK SUCCESSION AT ABOUT 00.45
HOURS LOCAL TIME ON SUNDAY MORNING, ALSO CAUSED DAMAGE TO
BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF "ZIMBABWE HOUSE" WHICH
HOUSES ZAPU OFFICES, -- A WING OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

ZAMBIAN HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER, AARON MILNER, SAID POLICE INVES-
TIGATIONS INTO THE BLASTS, WHICH OCCURED INSIDE THE
BUILDING, ARE UNDER WAY AND THAT HE EXPECTS A FULL REPORT ON
THE INCIDENT TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, THE EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD
WITHIN A THREE-KILOMETRE RADIUS OF ZIMBABWE HOUSE.

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THE PAPER REPORTS THAT BY LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, POLICE AND
BOMB EXPERTS WERE STILL SIFTING THROUGH THE DEBRIS AND HAD THE
AREA CORDONED OFF TO THE PUBLIC.

THE TIMES REPORT SAYS ZAPU OFFICIALS PRESENT AT THE SCENE BLAMED
THE INCIDENT ON "AGENTS OF THE SMITH REGIME" WHOM THEY SAID
WANTED TO SLOW DOWN THE CURRENT TEMPO OF THE LIBERATION WAR NOW

BEING WAGED BY THE PATRIOTI FRONT.

THE OFFICIALS, WHO SAID DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE BOMBS WAS CONSIDERABLE, ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND FURNITURE WERE DESTROYED. A FIRE STARTED BY THE TWO EXPLOSIONS WAS QUICKLY PUT OUT BY POLICE WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE A SHORT TIME LATER.

"IT DOES NOT NEED A GENIUS TO KNOW THAT THE SMITH REGIME IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE BARBARIC AND COWARDLY ATTACKS ON PATRIOTIC FRONT INSTALLATIONS IN ZAMBIA, IN WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY PART OF THE HOT PURSUIT CAMPAIGN," A ZAPU SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, THE ZAPU OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT ONLY A FEW MONTHS, AGO, ANOTHER BOMB EXPLODED AND KILLED MR. NKOMO S RIGHT-HAND MAN, MR. JASON MOYO.

THAT BOMB WAS ALLEGEDLY SENT FROM BOTSWANA BY "SMITH AGENTS."

AND THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, COMMENTS ON THE STUDENT UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA S BLACK TOWNSHIPS OF SOWETO WHERE STUDENTS ARE PROTESTING AGAINST SEGREGATED EDUCATION.

LIKE THE STUDENT PROTESTS OF THE PAST, THE MAIL EDITORIAL SAYS, THE SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO REMAIN INSENSITIVE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE STUDENTS.

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"THIS IS BECAUSE, LIKE THE NOTORIOUS SOUTH AFRICA S SEX LAWS, BANTU EDUCATION JUST DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE TO ANY PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO BE CIVILIZED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD," THE PAPER SAYS. CITING THE MEETING EARLIER THIS YEAR BETWEEN AMERICAN VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, JOHN VORSTER, THE MAIL EDITORIALIZES:

"WHEN VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE MET PREMIER JOHN VORSTER EARLY THIS YEAR, IT WAS REPORTED VORSTER TOOK STRONG EXCEPTIONS TO DEMANDS OF THE AMERICANS THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD START TALKING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE."

ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, SINCE THAT MEETING, SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN "REACTING LIKE A PERSON WHO HATES TO HEAR BEING TOLD THAT HE HAS TUBERCULOSIS BECAUSE HE THINKS IT CANNOT HAPPEN TO HIM."

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS MAJORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY WAS NO LONGER A PIPE DREAM, BUT THAT IT WAS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER."

"THOSE BLACK STUDENTS WHO ARE DENOUNCING BANTU EDUCATION SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS A MANIFESTATION IN A SMALL WAY OF THE BIGGER PROBLEM OF MAJORITY RULE, ARE SIMPLY REMINDING THE WHITES OF

SOUTH AFRICA THAT TIME HAS ALREADY RUN OUT," SAYS THE MAIL.

AND ON THE BLACK KEADERS IN SOWETO NOW DEMANDING MAJORITY RULE IN THEIR TOWNSHIP, THE MAIL SAYS THEY ARE SIMPLY REMINDING THE WHITE GOVERNMENT THAT MUSCH AS THEY DO NOT WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT, THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF WHITE RULE.

CONCLUDES THE MAIL EDITORIAL: "WITH ALL THESE PROBLEMS FACING SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES, IT JUST DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE THAT THEY HAVE TO CARRY ON THEIR BACKS POLITICAL SPONGES LIKE RHODESIAN WHITES."

THE SUDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA, REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SIAD IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY THAT HIS GOVERN-
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MENT IS STEADFASTLY COMMITTED TO THE PEACEFUL PURSUIT OF RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

RECEIVING CREDENTIALS FROM ZAMBIA S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, PUTTEHO NGONDA AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT CARTER, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, SAID HE EXPECTED A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH ZAMBIA IN ORDER FOR ALL TO BENEFIT FROM THE FRUITS OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE TROUBLED REGION.

THE US GOVERNMENT, SAID MR. CARTER, SEEKS TO WORK WITH THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS IN ASSISTING THE PEOPLE S OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD TO DEVELOP TOWARDS THEIR OWN DESTINIES.

PRESIDENT CARTER, REPORTED THE NEWSPAPER, SAID THE SPEEDY ERADICATION OF THE REMNANTS OF RACISM MUST BE A PRIORITY ON THE AGENDA OF MAN. THE PAPER SAID EARLIER, THE NEW ZAMBIAN ENVOY IN WASHINGTON APPLAUDED PRESIDENT CARTER S COURAGEOUS STAND ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE IT WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO FIND A JUST SOLUTION TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CRISIS. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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